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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Operating Method for a packaging machine of the sleeve "type", packaging machine for implementing the said method, and package produced by the said method

the specification of which _____ is attached hereto (or) _____ was filed on _____

as Application Serial No. _____ and (if applicable) was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application whose priority is claimed:

| Country | Number | Filing date | Priority claimed | |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint as attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business connected therewith:

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For **Operating Method For A Packaging Machine Of The
"Sleeve" Type, Packaging Machine For Implementing The
Said Method, And Package Produced By The Said Method**

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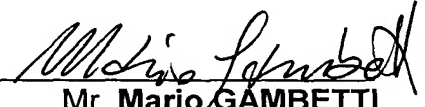
STATEMENT AS TO REPRESENTATION

With respect to the above-identified application, the undersigned hereby authorizes the United States Attorneys and Agents named in the Declaration accompanying the application or in any Declaration subsequently filed in the application to expect and follow instructions from:

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